

KITCHENER AND STAFF LOST WHEN CRUISER IS DESTROYED

**NO ENTHUSIASM,
NO CANDIDATE,
NO LEADERSHIP**

**Republican Hosts Convene
To-Day, With Nothing Ar-
ranged Beforehand.**

**NO OUTWARD EVIDENCE
OF POSSIBLE HARMONY**

**Progressives Are Adamant, and
Reject Every Name But
That of Roosevelt.**

HUGHES FORCES CONFIDENT

**Colonel, at Oyster Bay, Remains
Silent as to Course He
Will Take.**

**Nothing Whatever to Say
on Political Situation**

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt positively denied to-night that he had telephoned to Progressive leaders at Chicago authorizing them to nominate him for the presidency at the convention of that party if the Republicans nominated Justice Hughes. He said he had nothing whatever to say in regard to the political situation.

The nomination of Major-General Leonard Wood for the presidency would be "acceptable" to Colonel Roosevelt as a solution of the situation at Chicago, according to two visitors who called upon the former President to-day. They asserted that Colonel Roosevelt told them that while he was "neither for nor against any candidate," General Wood "would be the most acceptable to him," and that he would "throw his hat in the ring and go out and work for him."

CHICAGO, June 6.—The Republican and Progressive National Conventions will assemble to-morrow without any indication that the leaders have found the common ground on which they hoped to establish unity. Three days of almost constant conferences have failed to bring agreement on a man for the presidential nomination. A half-dozen names, any one of which is acceptable to the Republicans, have been rejected by the Progressives, who have proposed practically no name but that of Colonel Roosevelt.

**NEVER BEFORE SUCH LACK
OF COHESIVE LEADERSHIP**

Never has there been such a lack of cohesive leadership among the Republicans, and the oldest convention observers declare they never have seen such a general lack of enthusiasm. Nothing has been arranged beforehand, and the delegates will plunge into their work to-morrow with practically everything undone which hitherto has been done for them in the inner councils of the leaders.

Hughes leaders, remaining confident that the justice will be nominated on an early ballot, were tuning up their forces to-night and recruiting unpledged delegates from the latest arrivals.

Progressive leaders, unwilling to say, if they could, whether the Colonel would support the justice, continue to carry on their fight for Mr. Roosevelt as their first choice. To-day George B. Cortelyou, a former member of a Roosevelt Cabinet, arrived here and joined William Leach, Jr., and George W. Meyer to comprise a Roosevelt steering committee within the Republican convention.

**CAN'T EXPECT REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION TO HURRY**

Republican managers, pressed by the Progressives to hurry their nominations and disclose their candidate if they hope to bid for Colonel Roosevelt's support and prevent a Progressive ticket from taking the field, have been given notice by Senator Smoot that they can expect no nomination in the Republican convention before Friday. Senator Penrose to-day declared that nominations for President will not be made before late on Saturday.

There was a general tightening in the cautious organizations to-day in preparation for the test of strength now so near. Speaking for the Hughes supporters, Frank H. Hitchcock estimated that the justice would receive about 300 votes on the first ballot, and that the Hughes vote would grow rapidly.

Florida has decided to cast its solid vote for Hughes and to stay with him to the end. Kansas is reported to give nine votes for Hughes, New Jersey seventeen, Rhode Island ten, and substantial gains were claimed in Connecticut and other States.

If a ballot could be taken to-night the consensus of the several political

China's President Dead



YUAN SHI KAI.

HIS DEATH MAY REMOVE TROUBLES OF REPUBLIC

**Passing of Yuan Shi Kai Expected
to Solve China's Heated Political Crisis.**

MEAGER NEWS FROM CAPITAL

**Announcement Made That End
Comes From Natural Causes—No
Mention of Report That President
Is Victim of Poisoner.**

PEKING, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, President of the Chinese republic, died to-day. Premier Tuan Chi Jui immediately advised Li Yuan Hung, the Vice-President, of his succession to the presidency.

Yuan Shi Kai had been ill for several days with stomach trouble, which was followed by a nervous breakdown. Quiet prevails to-day in the capital. The death of the President apparently solves the heated political crisis. Li Yuan Hung's succession to the presidency meets the demands of the leaders in the southern provinces.

**CAUSE OF HIS DEATH
IS GIVEN AS UREMIA**

SHANGHAI, June 6.—Peking advices announce the death to-day of Yuan Shi Kai, President of the Chinese republic. The cause of his death is given as uremia.

At a meeting of the Cabinet a feeling of confidence was evident that the government would be able to maintain order.

Probably because of the strict censorship, news regarding the situation at the capital is meager.

**HIS DEATH MAY RESTORE
PEACE TO REPUBLIC**

WASHINGTON, June 6.—A cablegram to the State Department to-day from American Minister Reinsch, at Peking, announced the death of Yuan Shi Kai, President of China.

The minister's message, dated at Peking at 11 A. M. to-day, said Yuan died last night, and that Premier Tuan Chi Jui had announced that he would give his full support to the Vice-President, Li Yuan Hung. No details of the President's death were given, and no mention made of the widely circulated and officially denied reports that he had been poisoned.

It is generally believed here that the accession of Li Yuan Hung to the presidency will make possible early restoration of order in China, and bring the revolting and loyal provinces to republican ideas, and is declared to be one of the most popular men in China, because he has abstained from factional quarrels, and has a reputation for high integrity.

Yuan Shi Kai was reported to have been taken seriously ill on May 28. At that time dispatches from China said it was believed in Peking that the President had been poisoned, but this report was denied by the Chinese ambassador at Washington, who insisted the President was not even ill.

Yuan Shi Kai died while the storm of revolution was gathering in increasing strength. The revolt broke out in December, 1915, when the President announced his intention of establishing a monarchy and ascending the throne as the first Emperor of a new dynasty. His coronation was set for early in February of this year, but was postponed indefinitely, owing to the extraordinary rapidity with which the revolt spread through Southern China. Several attempts were made upon the President's life, and a bomb plot was discovered in the imperial palace. The establishing of a monarchy was strenuously opposed by Japan, and its final abandonment was largely credited to the representations made by Tokyo.

TORNADOES TAKE TOLL OF 126 LIVES

**Hundreds Injured and Enormous
Damage Is Done to
Property.**

REPORTS STILL INCOMPLETE

**Large Portion of Storm Belt Is
Cut Off From Commu-
nication.**

Death lists in the storm-swept section of Arkansas, Missouri, Mississippi and Illinois grew hourly as belated reports were received from communities which suffered in a series of tornadoes on Monday night and early to-day. Late to-night the deaths of 126 persons had been reported, a number of other persons were unaccounted for and believed dead, and several hundred had been injured. Accurate estimates of property damages were not available, but all figures ventured by property owners ran into the hundreds of thousands. Incomplete tabulations showed the following deaths: Arkansas, 16; Missouri, 20, possibly more; Mississippi, 15; Illinois, 1.

Tennessee, four, with a score missing in the overturning of the Mississippi River packet Elmore.

The casualties in Arkansas were from every corner. Scarcely a county escaped the path of the twister, which traversed the entire State. Many of the casualties in Arkansas and Mississippi were negroes. In Missouri the Poplar Bluff section was devastated.

**MANY LIVES ARE LOST
WHEN STEAMER CAPSIZES**

MEMPHIS, June 6.—Four persons are known to have been killed and between twenty-five and thirty others, mostly negro deck hands, are believed to have been drowned when the Lee Line steamer Elmore capsized in the Mississippi River while tied to the bank at a remote section, about twenty miles north of Memphis, to escape the tornado which swept the Central Mississippi Valley last night.

Because of the interruption in wire communication news of the accident did not reach here until late to-day.

**FIFTY-SEVEN DEATHS
REPORTED IN ARKANSAS**

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 6.—Fifty-seven deaths in Arkansas from yesterday's storm had been reported to-night. Two persons are missing, and there are reports of the deaths of several others. The list of injured is more than 300.

The greatest loss of life was at Heber Springs, where twenty persons were reported killed and about sixty injured.

**MANY REPORTED KILLED
BY TERRIFIC CYCLONE**

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 6.—Between seventy-five and 100 are reported dead and 350 injured as the result of the terrific cyclone which swept the eastern and northern half of Arkansas late this afternoon. The death list is increasing as communication is being established. Property damage is estimated at \$250,000.

The dead reported include the following: Heber Springs, 21; Judsonia, 12; Hot Springs, 4; Forest City, 4; Cabot, 5; Balak, 5; Morrilton, 2; Fayetteville, 3; Little Rock, 1; Tuckerman, 4; Greenwood, 3; Redford, 2; Fordyce, 5; Germantown, 1; Blackville, 1; Beauchamp, 1; Kensett, 2.

Reports have not been received from scores of small towns along the path of the tornado, and it is believed these will increase the death toll.

**DOZEN PEOPLE KILLED
AND HOMES DESTROYED**

JACKSON, MISS., June 6.—Twelve persons are dead and sixty-five injured as the result of tornado at 1 o'clock this morning. The property damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Nearly 250 homes are damaged, many of them completely wrecked.

The State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb was partly demolished.

MISS VEST TO WED JUNE 14

Granddaughter of Late Senator Will Murray Lieutenant James Young, U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Mrs. William Burr Harrison announced to-day the engagement of her niece, Miss Mary Wheeler Vest, to Lieutenant James Young, U. S. A. The wedding will take place on June 14, at the home of Mrs. Harrison, and will be witnessed only by relatives and close friends of the young couple.

Miss Vest, who made her debut here two years ago, is connected with many aristocratic Virginia families, among them the Conways, Moncures and Peytons, and, through her grandfather, the late Senator Vest, the Breckinridges, of Kentucky.

Lieutenant Young, who is from New Hampshire, is stationed at the Washington barracks and belongs to the Engineer Corps.

RUSSIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS BACK

**In Their Great Offensive They
Already Have Taken 25,000
Prisoners.**

ITALIANS GAINING GROUND

**Struggle at Verdun Again Has
Developed Into Artillery
Duels.**

From the Pripiet River southward to the Roumanian frontier the Russians, according to Petrograd, are continuing to develop successes against the Germans and Austrians. In the fights along this front of some 250 miles the Russians already have made prisoners of 450 officers and more than 25,000 men and captured twenty-seven guns and more than fifty machine guns.

In this offensive, which is declared to be a carefully co-ordinated movement, the Russians are said to have a plentiful supply of ammunition and men, and, with the roads now in good condition, their maneuvers are expected to develop swiftly. The number of the Teutonic allies facing the Russians is reported to amount to about 600,000 men.

Since the repulse of two German infantry attacks between Fort Vaux and Damloup on Monday night, the fighting in the Verdun region has again developed into artillery duels, with the Fort Vaux-Damloup sector the center of the greatest violence. No material gains for either side are reported.

The Austrians are still being held from further advance and with heavy losses, by the Italians, according to Rome.

In the Vladivostok and Pashio sectors and on the front between the Posina and Astio Rivers, vicious Austrian attacks have been put down, and the Italians have even gained some ground against the Austrians on the western slopes of Monte Cenio.

The Turks in Asia Minor, near Bairirt and Erzinjan, have again attempted an offensive against the Russians, but Petrograd says their efforts failed. A successful raid has been made by the Russians against the Turks in the vicinity of Khanikin, near the Persian border northeast of Bagdad.

**GERMAN RUSHES
LACKING IN INTENSITY**

PARIS, June 6.—Fort Vaux, one of the northeastern defenses of Verdun, continues to be the center of German efforts, but the French still hold the main fort and all approaches, except the northernmost, in which the Germans gained lodgment several days ago.

The Germans are directing their efforts toward bringing up masses of reinforcements through the ravines between Vaux and Damloup.

Although two infantry attacks were made yesterday, they lacked the intensity of the previous rushes. The conclusion is drawn that the heavy recent losses of the Germans are compelling them to proceed less vigorously while they are re-forming their units.

Two attacks by the Germans on the French lines between Fort Vaux and Damloup, on the Verdun front, were repulsed by the French last night, according to an official statement issued by the War Office to-day. The heavy bombardment of Fort Vaux continues, with intermittent cannonading on the west front. The statement follows:

"On the right bank of the River Meuse, two German attacks last night against our positions between Vaux and Damloup resulted in complete failure."

"No change has been recorded in the situation at Fort Vaux, which the enemy is bombarding with violence."

"There has been continued intermittent cannonading on the remainder of the front."

**BERLIN CLAIMS FRENCH
FORCES ARE REPULSED**

BERLIN, June 6 (via London).—French troops on the right bank of the River Meuse, in the Verdun sector, last night made four determined efforts to eject the Germans from positions on Fumir Ridge, says to-day's official German statement. All the attempts were repulsed by the East Prussian regiments with especially heavy losses, the statement adds, to the attackers. The text of the statement says:

"Western theater: On the eastern bank of the Meuse, after renewed and very heavy artillery preparation, the positions of our brave East Prussians on Fumir Ridge were four times attacked during the night, without the slightest success. The enemy suffered especially heavy losses under our combined artillery curtain, machine gun and infantry fire. Otherwise, the situation is unchanged."

"Eastern and Balkan theaters: There is nothing to report."

Beach Hargis Paroled.

FRANKFORT, KY., June 6.—The Kentucky Prison Commission to-day paroled Beach Hargis, who was sentenced to life imprisonment several years ago at Jackson, Breathitt County, for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis.



Lord Kitchener—
Photo—Underwood & Underwood—N.Y.

ROOSEVELT AND BORAH IN PHONE CONFERENCE

**Senator Refuses to State What Was
Said in Long-Distance
Parley.**

PREDICTS FINAL HARMONY

**Announcement Is Made That Pro-
gressives Have Abandoned Their
Plan to Print Full-Page Advertisements
in Behalf of Colonel.**

CHICAGO, June 6.—Senator Borah and Colonel Roosevelt talked over the long-distance telephone to-night to speed efforts to bring about harmony between the Republican and Progressive parties. Senator Borah would not discuss the conversation, beyond saying that he and the Colonel had exchanged views, and that he was better satisfied with the situation than he had been before he talked with Oyster Bay.

When it became known there had been a telephone conference, it was reported the Senator told the Colonel that he believed Hughes should be nominated early by the Republicans and that he hoped such a nomination would be satisfactory. This report was repeated to Senator Borah, who declared that it was not a true representation of what had taken place.

"I can't tell you what occurred," said the Senator. "I wish I could, but it is impossible."

The telephone conference took place shortly after a meeting late to-night between Senator Borah and George W. Perkins. As a result of that conference the Senator expressed the opinion that the Republican convention now should proceed to make a nomination in an orderly manner and select the candidate who could gather the greatest number of delegates after balloting in the usual way.

"What we must do now," he said, "is to proceed just as we would have done had there never been a third party. The traditions of our historical party demand it. Harmony is to be desired, but we cannot be expected to descend to bartering of our dignity and independence."

**BELIEVES THAT HARMONY
ULTIMATELY WILL COME**

"I believe that ultimately we will have harmony. If we go ahead and name the candidate that our free delegates think is best fitted to carry the burden of the campaign, peace will come. We will make a good platform, one with which no fault can be found by any faction of the party, and we will draw to our support many voters who left us four years ago."

Senator Borah is numbered among the leaders willing to accept any Republican who can win the nomination in a test of strength displayed in the customary way. He says that at the moment Justice Hughes is leading, and present indications point to his nomination. With Hughes as the nominee

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DOOLEY GIVES \$40,000 FOR HOSPITAL BUILDING

**First Donation Starts Campaign to
Raise \$250,000 for Memo-
rial Improvements.**

ANNOUNCEMENT AT FINALS

**Money Will Be Used for Establish-
ment of Institution to Treat Per-
sons Suffering From Contagious
Diseases—Arouses Keen Interest.**

Major James H. Dooley, of Richmond, yesterday contributed \$40,000 to build and equip a hospital for the treatment of contagious diseases in Richmond. Announcement of the donation, which starts the campaign to secure \$250,000 for the enlargement of the Memorial Hospital, was made last night at the seventy-eighth annual commencement exercises of the Medical College of Virginia at the City Auditorium.

Dr. Stuart McGuire, dean of the Medical College, told of the value to Richmond of the Medical College and the hospitals grouped around it, and explained the campaign which starts actively on Monday to secure funds for the erection and equipment of a contagious disease hospital, the erection and equipment of a hospital for the colored people and for erection and equipment of a nurses' home.

One of the new buildings, to stand on the site of the former Old Dominion Hospital, on East Marshall Street, will be solely for negroes. Dr. McGuire spoke of the appropriateness of undertaking this great work for the colored race in the one-time capital of the Confederacy, and urged upon the citizens of Virginia prompt and liberal response to the call for funds.

**INITIAL CONTRIBUTION
WILL ENCOURAGE WORKERS**

"I am pleased to announce," he said, "that a citizen, a public-spirited man, has agreed to donate \$40,000 toward the fund. This amount will build and equip the hospital for the treatment of contagious diseases. This one part of the funds has already been raised, even though the campaign does not start until Monday."

"This citizen knows the value of money; he earned it all himself. It will indeed be great encouragement to those who will carry on the campaign to have such a magnificent donation to begin with."

"Surely such a handsome fund, coming before the campaign starts, will spur the workers on and will cause other public-spirited citizens to contribute to this worthy cause. I doubt not that the remaining amount will not be hard to secure."

Dr. McGuire closed his report by saying that the donation was made by Major Dooley, and every one present gave vent to hearty applause.

HEAD OF BRITISH WAR OFFICE DIES IN SEA DISASTER

**Goes Down With H. M. S.
Hampshire, Torpedoed or
Mined, Off Orkneys.**

**HEAVIEST PERSONAL LOSS
OF ENGLAND DURING WAR**

**Scant Hope Is Expressed That
There Are Any Survivors
of Tragedy.**

JELlicoe MAKES REPORT

**Lloyd George, Lord Derby and Sir
William Robertson Mentioned
as Possible Successors.**

**Was En Route to Russia
on Special Mission**

FIELD MARSHAL EARL KITCHENER, the British Secretary for War, and members of his staff have been lost at sea off the Orkney Islands by the sinking of the British cruiser Hampshire, on which Earl Kitchener was making a voyage to Russia on a special mission to Emperor Nicholas, and probably also with the intention of visiting the battle front in Russia, where the great offensive against the Teutonic allies has been begun by the Russians.

So far as has been ascertained, there were no survivors of the disaster, and it seems probable that between 200 and 300 men met their death when the Hampshire either struck a mine or was torpedoed.

LONDON, June 6.—The news that Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, and his staff, who were proceeding to Russia aboard the cruiser Hampshire, were lost off the Orkney Islands last night, was the most stunning blow Great Britain has received since the war began. This is the second shock the country has sustained within a week. The other was when the newspapers of Friday evening told of the naval battle in the North Sea, publishing a list of the ships lost with virtually no intimation that there was any compensation in the way of enemy losses.

Kitchener was the one outstanding personality in whom the people believed as a great man.

**TELEGRAM FROM JELlicoe
GIVES ONLY BARE FACTS**

A telegram from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the fleet, giving the bare facts, was received at the Admiralty about 11 o'clock in the morning. The first official announcement was issued about 1:30 in the afternoon, but before noon rumors were spreading and newspaper offices were busy with inquiries anxious to know whether vague reports had any foundation. They were told there was nothing in them.

Admiral Jellicoe's report to the Admiralty follows:

"I have to report with deep regret that His Majesty's ship Hampshire, Captain Herbert J. Savill, R. N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night at about 8 P. M. to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or a torpedo."

"Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was north-northwest and heavy seas were running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot, and a party was sent along the coast to search, but only some bodies and a capsized boat have been found up to the present. As the whole shore has been searched from the seaward I greatly fear that there is little hope of there being any survivors."

"No report has yet been received from the search party on shore."

"H. M. S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia."

**CROWD ABOUT STOCK EXCHANGE
BRINGS OUT POLICE RESERVES**

When the official announcement finally was issued, the fact spread before the newspapers could get into the streets. There was a crowd about the Stock Exchange, which required police reserves, who told every one to move on; that there was no truth in the reports. Another mass of people was assembled about the government offices in Whitehall, where the lowered curtains in the windows of the War Office confirmed the rumor beyond doubt. In the course of the afternoon the flags on all buildings were flown at half staff.

The English have taken the good and bad tidings of the war as they came, with an absence of emotion surprising to outsiders, but to-day it was very evident that something which the common people took as a calamity had befallen them.

The Foreign Office was saddened by the loss of Hugh James O'Brien, while Sir Frederick Donaldson and Brigadier General Ellershaw, of the Ministry of